

COURSE TO BE KEPT CLEAR.

CAPTAIN ROBLEY D. EVANS IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR RACES.

CHOOSEN AT A CONFERENCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE--THE DIFFICULTIES HE FACES.

As a result of the conference about policing the courses of the America's Cup races it was decided yesterday at Washington that Captain Robley D. Evans should assume general direction of the arrangements and be fully empowered to exclude any vessel from the line. Secretary Root and Acting Secretary Allen of the Navy Department and the officers of the Treasury Department conferred with President McKinley at the White House yesterday for the purpose of considering an order to be issued by the President for keeping the Columbia-Shamrock course clear. Captain Evans will be assisted by Lieutenant Commander Fremont, Supervisor of the Harbor. The boats employed for this police duty will be reinforced by as many torpedo boats as can be made ready.

The United States statute under which Captain Evans will act was passed by Congress and approved May 18, 1882, to meet the complaints set in motion by Lord Dunraven. It follows in part:

That in order to provide for the safety of passengers, seafarers, whether as observers or participants taking part in regattas amateur or professional, that may hereafter be held on navigable waters, the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to issue such orders as he may consider necessary to prevent such cutters to enforce such rules as may be adopted to insure the safety of passengers on and excursion steamers, yachts, barges, and all craft whether as observers or participants in such regattas.

The Quartermaster's Department of the Army has arranged to have the transport McPherson stand by the races for the benefit of Army officials and their families.

A member of a well known Regatta committee was consulted yesterday as to his opinion about the arrangements made at Washington. He said: "The difficulties cannot be wholly remedied by any number of police boats or any kind of patrol boats. There are situations in transatlantic races which cannot be remedied so long as excursion steamers are allowed to follow. Moreover the fleet of patrolling steamers is just as likely to prove objectionable to one batch of the racers as the excursion steamers. My reasons for saying so are as follows: The course cannot be laid out till the last moment. The first leg of a triangular course must be laid out dead to windward as the wind at the time happens to be, so as to secure some beating in the race. The windward and leeward races must also be started either dead to windward or directly to leeward. If not started in this way those races are spoiled. Consequently, until the last half hour before the start no one, not even the members of the regatta committee themselves, know what course the yachts will be started on. Up till this point the captains of the patrol boats know no more about the course than the captains of the excursion steamers and unless the captains of all patrol boats are made to understand the intentions of the regatta committee at the last moment they will be as likely as any others to get in the way of themselves."

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THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL.

INTERNATIONAL MEETING AT BOSTON--PRESIDENT ANGELUS' ADDRESS.

Boston, Sept. 20.—The first International Congregational Council to be held in the United States, and the second in the world, began its session in Tremont Temple at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The first International Council of Congregationalism was held in London in July, 1891. The delegates have been arriving from most distant points for several weeks, and large delegations arrived yesterday and to-day. The temple is decorated throughout by the intertwining of the colors of the United States and the Union Jack of Great Britain.

About four hundred delegates will be in attendance by to-morrow. About thirty of the delegates are women, and it is the first National or International Congregational Council of which women have been members. Three of them are assigned for addresses bearing on woman's religious and missionary work.

The Council was called to order by S. B. Capen, Boston, chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, who delivered an address of welcome.

The report of the American secretary, the Rev. H. A. Hazen, of Boston, was then presented.

This evening there were addresses of welcome by Governor Weld and Mayor Quincy. The president of the Council, James Burritt Angell, president of the University of Michigan, delivered his address. He spoke in part as follows:

"While expressing our appreciation of the efforts we are now disposed to make in individual and national life, we trust that we may be enabled to meet these by recognizing and avoiding their mistakes. Let us not deny that some of them forget St. Paul's assertion that the letter of the Scripture killeth, but the spirit giveth life. Let us not forget that the founders of the Massachusetts colony at least did not run in advance of their time, or even keep pace with Roger Williams in the cause of religious freedom.

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